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Docket No.: 050195-0519

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Shinichi TAKAHASHI : Confirmation Number: 4069
Application No.: 10/637,660 : Group Art Unit: 1745
Filed: August 11, 2003 : Examiner: H. O. Chu
For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOVAL OF WATER FROM FUEL CELLS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of April 11, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-19, and Species IA, claims 1-6 for prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully request rejoinder and examination of the method claims of Group II, upon the allowance of a fuel cell system claim in accordance with rejoinder provisions of MPEP § 821.04(b).

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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